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ALL MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN SOCIETY JOIN THE ISPRM AS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

By Werner Van Cleemputte, ISPRM Executive Director

After having started negotiations between the ISPRM and the Italian Society on PM&R (SIMFER) during the ISPRM World Congress in Sao Paulo, both societies have decided to strengthen their collaboration. This has resulted in an agreement to make ALL members of SIMFER members of the ISPRM as well.

So instead of having to pay national society membership dues to the ISPRM, SIMFER has decided to pay the ISPRM individual membership for all its members.

As a result - and thanks to the fact that by this decision approx. 2,000 new individual members will join the ISPRM - our society has decided to waive the national society membership fee (i.e. 3 Euro per member) for SIMFER and to reduce the membership fee for this individual membership agreement from 30 to 10 Euro only.

The great advantage is that all SIMFER members will now automatically become individual members of the ISPRM and benefit from all the advantages of this membership as well.

As a result of this agreement the Executive Board of the ISPRM has decided that all other National Societies with at least 1,500 members can benefit from such an arrangement as well.

In consequence, the following motion has been agreed upon:

“Any National Society that provides more than 1,500 individual members to the ISPRM will be able to obtain those individual memberships at the rate of 10 Euros per member, and will not be required to pay additional dues as a National Society”.

This means that:

- ALL members of the National Society become individual members of the ISPRM
- The ISPRM will receive the address list (+ email address) of all national society members
- The ISPRM invoices the National Society for this membership (not the individual members)
- All members of the national society will receive
 - a. an ISPRM Membership Card;
 - b. the official ISPRM Certificate for display in their office;
 - c. the monthly electronic newsletter News & Views;
 - d. reduced registration fees for a large number of international congresses.

The agreement is in force for a trial period of two years (2006 and 2007).

We encourage all other National Societies with at least 1,500 members to examine this proposal within their board as well and hope that together with the SIMFER we have put a milestone for the further development of ISPRM membership.

For any further detailed information, please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director.